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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 77

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Miss Beth Hood upon being crowned Miss Tennessee 2000.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative person is Miss Beth Hood of Cleveland who was crowned Miss Tennessee 2000; and

WHEREAS, entering the pageant as the reigning Miss Cleveland, Beth was selected to represent the great Volunteer State as Miss Tennessee at the Jackson Civic Center on Saturday, July 24, 2000, having won in every category of the competition; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her prestigious state title, Miss Hood was awarded an \$18,000 scholarship from the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Foundation and another \$3,000 from the Miss America Organization. As Miss Tennessee 2000, Beth was awarded the use of a new car, a Belk clothing award, and a chance to compete in the Miss America Pageant; and

WHEREAS, at the end of her reign as the "Spokesperson for a Drug-Free Tennessee," Beth will have traveled to more than 500 schools across the state, talking to students about the

dangers of using drugs, rallying young people in the fight against drugs, and fighting to keep our schools drug-free; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of proud parents, James and Vicki Hood, Beth is a graduate of Bradley Central High School and Cleveland State Community College; she is currently a senior at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is pursuing a degree in Communications with a concentration in Public Relations and a double minor in the Sociology of Aging and Marketing; and

WHEREAS, besides being a beautiful and adept student who readily admits to having a great love for learning, Beth Hood is active in her community, and puts in numerous community service hours; she began serving as a volunteer at the Cleveland Life Care facility at the young age of six; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, she was named the Youth Volunteer of the Year for the Eastern Division of Life Care, having been chosen from among contestants representing nearly forty facilities in six states to receive the honor; and

WHEREAS, Beth exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many achievements aside, Beth Hood is most appreciative of the love and unending support she receives from her parents, James and Vicki Hood; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Miss Beth Hood for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee as the reigning Miss Tennessee 2000, extending our congratulations to her on winning the coveted title, and offering our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.